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**“Michigan At Risk” Focuses on the Michigan National Guard  
“Homefront” Airs Wednesday, January 25, at 8:30 p.m.  
on Michigan Public Television Stations**

(East Lansing, Mich.) – Most Americans identify the National Guard with providing emergency services during natural disasters. But in the past three years, numerous Guard units have been sent to Iraq to fight alongside regular forces.

In response to the recent Hurricane Katrina and Wilma disasters, National Guard units called up for rescue and security work in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida have had to make do with many of their members being currently deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A comment from a U.S. Central Command spokesman stated "there will be no large-scale shifting of U.S. troops from Iraq and Afghanistan to help with (ongoing) disaster relief in Louisiana and Mississippi."

In the 17<sup>th</sup> season premiere of the Emmy award-winning series **Michigan At Risk**, *Homefront* takes a look at how the Michigan National Guard units are faring. Is the war in Iraq draining our guard units? How well staffed are they and what are the concerns of their commanders should an incident call for the Guard's use here in Michigan?

The program will be aired Wednesday, January 25, at 8:30 p.m., immediately following Governor Jennifer Granholm's annual State of the State address, on WKAR-TV, the documentary's producing station. It will also be aired at the time on other public television stations throughout the state.

Within this larger issue, *Homefront* takes a look at what exactly is happening to the families of Michigan's service men and women. How are those left behind here at home coping with the absence of their loved ones? And what are our soldiers returning home to find? What is the long-term impact of this extended service and sacrifice on soldiers, families and our state?

**Michigan At Risk** will be aired on all Michigan public television stations (check local listings). The program is also available for online viewing following the broadcast at [WKAR.org](http://WKAR.org).

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